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VI Office of Veterans Affairs Launches Agency Website

The Virgin Islands Office of Veterans Affairs is happy to announce the launching of their agency website. This will be the first of its kind in the modern-day history of the agency.

Veterans will now be able to access most services of the agency virtually because of having this website. Being able to make a request of their veteran eligibility status, education tuition waivers, medical travel reimbursements, and registration are just a few of the benefits of having the newly created website. Family members of Veterans will also be able to request burial reimbursements if they find themselves in that situation. In addition to services, Veterans and their families will be able to view policies related to the office, changes to both local and federal benefits and entitlements, and keep track of upcoming events.

Director Farrell credits the hard work and patience of Mr. Erskin Hansen of the Virgin Islands Bureau of Information Technology for the creation of the website. "We suggested what we would like for the website to look like and what we wanted it to accomplish and he just went to work on it. We are very grateful for his assistance. Because of his work, we can make our contribution to Governor Bryan's quest to digitize the Virgin Islands Government", said Director Farrell.

Veterans and their family members can access the website at https://veterans.vi.gov

If there are questions please reach out to the VI Office of Veterans Affairs by calling (340) 774-8387 or (340) 773-8387 or by sending an email to info_va@va.vi.gov before coming to the office. Contacting us prior to coming to the office will assist you in taking advantage of the "Safer at Home" recommendation currently in place.

"Continuing to safeguard the lives of Veterans, their families, and the staff of the VI Office of Veterans Affairs".